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**New Jersey State Board of
Massage and Bodywork
Therapy Examiners**

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

_____	:	Administrative Action
IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
LICENSURE OF	:	CONSENT ORDER
	:	GRANTING LICENSURE
SHAKEEDA D. BULLARD	:	WITH PROBATION
	:	
AS A MASSAGE AND BODYWORK	:	
THERAPIST	:	
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This matter was opened to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("the Board") upon receipt of the application of Shakeeda D. Bullard for licensure as a massage and bodywork therapist. Upon a review of the application and the criminal history background check, it was ascertained by the Board that the applicant had been arrested three times, with three convictions. In 2003 in Texas she had been found guilty of theft of clothing and a vacuum cleaner and was sentenced to twelve

months deferred probation and payment of a fine and assessments totaling \$400.00. In 2004 she was convicted of failure to identify a fugitive with the intent to give false information, and was sentenced to twelve days confinement and assessed \$100.00. In 2009 Ms. Bullard was convicted of shoplifting and sentenced to ten days confinement, twelve months probation and total payment of \$494.00 including a fine and assessments.

The applicant attributes the earlier convictions to a period of her life in which she was undergoing severe financial difficulties, and attributes the 2009 conviction to poor decision-making on her part, in that she acquiesced to conduct by her sister. Ms. Bullard maintains that she vowed at the time that she would never make that mistake again.

The Board notes that the applicant was honest on her application. Nevertheless, the Board finds that Ms. Bullard's record includes three convictions relating adversely to honesty, and consequently relating adversely to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), including a relatively recent conviction in 2009.

The Board finding that granting the applicant's request for licensure while imposing a period of probation is appropriate under the circumstances, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 23rd DAY OF August, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Ms. Bullard's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of the above penalty, and upon her demonstration that she has satisfied other licensure requirements, if she has not already done so. Ms. Bullard shall be placed on probation for a period of one year, dating from the filing of this Order. The conditions of probation are set forth below.


2. Ms. Bullard shall report to the Board within five (5) business days any arrest, indictment or conviction for any crime or disorderly persons offense.

3. Ms. Bullard shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy in the State or jurisdiction in which she practices massage and bodywork therapy.

4. Any deviation from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Board shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that the applicant has violated any term of this Order, Ms. Bullard's license may be automatically suspended by the Board. Ms. Bullard, upon notice, may request a hearing to contest the entry of such an order. At any such hearing, the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received regarding Ms. Bullard was materially false.

5. At the end of the term of probation, Ms. Bullard may petition the Board in writing for release from the terms of this Order. In the event that there have been no arrests or convictions during the period of probation, the Board may then grant such a petition by means of a written communication, without need for further Order of the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By: 
Deborah Overholt
Chairperson

I have read and understand the
Within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.


Shakeeda D. Bullard